



# Hamm appoints Papa Madison city attorney

## Previous attorney representing city in project

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Long-time Madison City Attorney Casper Nighohossian was replaced by Mayor John Hamm at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

**MADISON** Nighohossian, who has served as city attorney for all but two years since 1970, was replaced by attorney John T. Papa, who is also the attorney for the Madison School District.

Hamm declined comment on the matter.

The only public complaints

by city officials toward Nighohossian have been that he was sometimes slow in preparing legal documents such as ordinances and resolutions.

Nighohossian left the meeting before it ended and Papa took his seat.

"The mayor had advised me last week what he was going to do," Nighohossian said Friday. "I understand that this is his prerogative and I accept it."

In related matters, the council approved paying \$19,665 in attorney's fees to Nighohossian relating the legal battles and the subsequent settlement of boundary issues with

Fairmont City.

The two municipalities recently settled a series of "mirror" ordinances to set permanent boundaries.

The council also approved to appoint Nighohossian as the city's attorney for its North Borrow sand mining project.

The city is hoping to lure a dredging company to mine sand and gravel at the site, near the Milan Landfill.

Except for about \$500 in copying costs for bid packets, the legal fees for the project would be paid by the successful bidder.



Curtiss A. Hartley photo

## 21st-century voting

A representative of VoteHere.net, an Internet election service, demonstrates his wares to several Madison County election judges during a visit to the Madison County Courthouse recently. Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida is considering scrapping the county's current punch-card voting system in favor of a state-of-the-art election system, which may include touch-screen and Internet voting. Currently, it costs the county \$250,000 to conduct an election; no decision on whether the system will be replaced is expected before summer's end.

# Wood River woman sues GIR over a 1998 traffic accident

## Motion is filed under the state Dram Shop Act

By Curtiss A. Hartley  
Staff writer

A young mother injured in a crash in Madison last year has filed a six-count lawsuit in Madison County Circuit Court.

**MADISON** Rebecca Clendenny, of Wood River, is suing Gateway International Raceway, Snap-On Tool Company, Illinois Power and Terry Clendenny.

Luebbert's suit claims that injuries resulting from the wreck are the fault of the defendants. She is seeking monetary awards from each of them.

Luebbert's attorney, Roy Driggs of Alton, filed the suit June 25 in Edwardsville. Driggs said his client sustained spinal cord and brain injuries in the accident.

The lawsuit contends that Luebbert's suit claims that

permanent injuries after the van she was riding in collided with a utility pole and flipped, throwing her from the vehicle. Her brother-in-law, Terry Clendenny, was the driver of the van.

Luebbert alleges that Clendenny became intoxicated while visiting a hospitality suite sponsored by Snap-On Tool Company at Gateway International Raceway on June 27, 1998, during the running of the NASCAR Busch Grand National Series stock car race.

at GIR. She claims she did not know he was intoxicated when they left the raceway.

An Illinois statute called the "Dram Shop Act" allows an injured party in an alcohol-related traffic accident to hold responsible those who served alcohol to the driver and to seek damages against the servers.

Luebbert's suit also alleges that Illinois Power is negligent for placing a utility pole too close to the roadway.

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## Police Blotter

Granite City Police

• **UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNIBAS.** David Lane, 37, 2445 State St., Granite City, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver.

Undercover officers confiscated from Lane a small envelope containing a leafy substance and found more in his basement. They also found the leafy substance in his vehicle, under the driver's seat.

• **JOHNNY STAGGS, 39, of 2415 Dodge St., Granite City** was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis.

Staggs was taken into custody after officers found a small bag containing a green leafy substance in his vehicle.

• **NOAH GUST, 19, of Pontoon Beach,** was charged June 19 for possession of cannabis.

• **BATTERY.** Teagus Saufner, 25, of 41st Road, Edwardsville, was charged with battery.

According to a Granite City police report, officers responded to a disturbance on Grand Avenue. Teagus, a member of the Lynch Mob, and other members chased a male up the street, where he was eventually punched in the face by Teagus.

Teagus was arrested and booked at the police department.

• **CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.** Property damage occurred to a residence in the 2800 block of East 25th Street.

A police report stated that six windows were broken, as well as a car window. The damage to the house was estimated at \$150.

• **CRIMINAL DAMAGE OF PROPERTY** occurred Monday in the 2600 block of Denver Street, Granite

City.

A police report stated that an individual acquainted with the owner of a residence damaged a dresser and playpen. Damage was estimated at about \$150.

Police are investigating and have a suspect.

• **POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY.** Donnell Lewis Jr., 23, of 1720 State St., Granite City, was charged Monday with possession of a stolen vehicle.

Lewis was pulled over in the 1700 block of State Street about 10:30 p.m. June 27 for driving at a low rate of speed. He was arrested a short time later.

According to a police report, Lewis told the officer that he paid an individual \$50 to use the car.

• **THEFT.** A theft occurred Friday afternoon at Gillman Concrete in Granite City in which a jackhammer from a Bobcat was stolen.

The theft occurred about 3:30 p.m. in a construction area near the parking lot. The jackhammer is valued at about \$7,500 and weighs about 1,500 pounds. Police are investigating.

• **ILLEGAL CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL.** Matthew Marcum, 19, of 81 Parktown West, Granite City, was charged Monday with illegal consumption of alcohol and resisting a peace officer.

Marcum was taken into custody about 9 p.m. Monday along Iowa Street for consuming alcohol on a public street. He struggled briefly with an officer before he was taken into custody.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT.** Jesse Loggins, 18, of Hays Mo.

was charged June 19 by Pontoon Beach authorities for disorderly conduct.

## Venice Police

• **BURGLARY.** A Venice man was charged with residential burglary after being found inside a house Tuesday morning.

Wontia L. Ford, 18, of the 600 block of Lincoln, was charged with one count of residential burglary. He was in custody with bond set at \$75,000.

According to reports, police responded to reports of a burglary in progress at about 10:30 a.m.

When officers entered the house, Ford allegedly tried to escape, but was captured as he left the building.

The victim said he and his wife left the home at about 9 a.m. for breakfast. Their son, who lives nearby, noticed a suspicious person walking around the house and called police.

• **POSSESSION OF DRUG EQUIPMENT.** Harvey Nelson, 41, of the 1300 block of Klein, Venice, was charged with illegal possession of drug equipment after being stopped by Venice police at about 2 p.m. Monday.

An officer on patrol saw Nelson driving a vehicle and knew Nelson had an outstanding warrant. The officer found a suspected crack pipe during a search.

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Legion Update stats for Page 2B

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Millstadt for men's baseball absent from 1996 when a coached by Belleville through the

While Ben financially sponsors, it adult-type due to a \$30 charge in the Metro College

Coached by Belleville, includes be baseball coach of the Heights Co. the one of six entrants.

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## Milestones

July 5 — Melanie Skoklo turns 70, Eleanor Rynkowski turns 70, Frank Leon Hollenbeck II turns 40.

Also celebrating birthdays: Kimberly Kester and Mona "Penny" Bryant.

July 6 — Josh Hildebrand turns 20, Tony Kohn is 38, Jamie Tague is 15.

Also celebrating a birthday: Chris Shields.

Celebrating anniversaries: Kelly and Kimberly Mann, 14 years, and Mary and Andrew Rehler, 6 years.

July 7 — Leonard J. Kolette is 48.

July 8 — Celebrating an anniversary: Twila and Steve Ross, 25 years, and Frank and Judy Modrusic, 33 years.

July 9 — Kellie Evans turns 17, James Dennis is 18, Sarah Garriott is 6.

Also celebrating a birthday: Peggy Brown.

July 10 — Deanna Jones turns 20, Noah Michael Ostresh is 8.

Also celebrating birthdays are Maria Bruzaitis and Jody Gehrig.

Celebrating anniversaries: Steve and Karen Cavins, 17 years.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1115 Delmar Ave., Granite City, 62040.

## Obituaries

## Pete Berta

PETE LAWRENCE BERTA, 66, of Granite City, died at 3:43 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 1999.

He was born Aug. 30, 1912 in Collinsville. Mr. Berta worked at Scroggs-Vandercort and Barney in St. Louis as a display coordinator and buyer and Wenig-Epperson Silk Screen Shop in St. Louis as a graphic artist. He was a member of Nameki United Methodist Church in Granite City and a World War II veteran.

He is survived by a sister, Josephine VanMeter of Collinsville; and two very dear friends, Ellen Voytes of Granite City and Wilma Bond of Easley, S.C.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah (Thomas) Berta; his parents, Barney and Rose (Vacca) Berta; and two brothers, Frank and Michael Berta.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 5, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, at Nameki United Methodist Church in Granite City. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Nameki United Methodist Church.

## Florence Buettner

FLORENCE E. (KENT) BUETTNER, 70, of Granite City, died at 4:10 p.m. Monday, July 5, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

She was born June 1, 1929, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Mrs. Buettner was a homemaker and lived in Granite City for 31 years.

She is survived by four sons, Steven Buettner of West-Palm Beach, Fla., Darrell Buettner of Plover and

Wayne Buettner and Larry Buettner, both of Granite City; a daughter, Dana Buettner of Sorento; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome L. Buettner; and her parents, William Kenzy and Nettie Mae (Parks) Kent.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 2, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Better Breathers Club in Granite City.

Cody Clark

CODY ALAN CLARK, infant son of James and Karen (Dunnivant) Clark of Granite City, died Thursday, June 24, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

He is survived by his parents, James and Karen Clark; his maternal grandparents, Diana and Patrick Farmer of Pontoon Beach and Ronald Dunnivant of Granite City; and his paternal grandparents, Erma and Terry Whycoff of Lucrene Valley, Calif.

Funeral services were private. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

## Ruby Clutts

RUBY M. (MATHENY) CLUTTS, 78, of Granite City, died at 8:46 p.m. Thursday, July 1, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Nov. 12, 1920 in Forrestdale, Mo.

She is survived by three sons, Ralph E. Clutts Jr., Phillip E. Clutts and Roger M. Clutts, all of Granite City; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E. Clutts Sr.; her parents, John and Lila (Cantor) Matheny; two sons, Johnny and Larry Clutts; two daughters, Lila Ferris and Linda K. Ferris; and four brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Sunday, July 4, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert Ferris officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Belleville.

## Mike Jasudowicz

MIKE A. JASUDOWICZ, 83, of Madison, died Thursday, May 27, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 10, 1915 in Panama, Ill. Mr. Jasudowicz was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison and the Polish National Alliance.

He is survived by two sons, Richard and Jasudowicz of Edwardsville; and David Jasudowicz of Madison; a daughter, Roseann Robertson of Madison; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Julia Jasudowicz and his second wife, Rose Marie Jasudowicz.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

## June Pritz

JUNE (PIERCE) PRITZ, 71, of Fairview Heights, formerly of Granite City, died at 12:55 a.m. Friday, July 2, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born June 28, 1928 in East St. Louis. Mrs. Pritz was a member of AARP Granite City Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star 650 in Granite City, SPW, Tri-City American Legion Post 113 Ladies Auxiliary and Eagles Aerie 1126 Auxiliary in Granite City.

She is survived by her daughter,

Mickey Henshof of Fairview Heights; and a brother, James F. Pierce of Chester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Pritz; and her parents, James and Lucille (Barver) Pierce Sr.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 5, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

## Charles Ritchie

CHARLES JOHN RITCHIE, 87, of Collinsville, died at 12:54 a.m. at Collinsville Care Center.

He was born Sunday, April 28, 1912, in Granite City. Mr. Ritchie was a retired tool and die maker and machinist, a member of Eagles Aerie 1126 in Granite City and a past troop leader of Boy Scout Troop 15.

He is survived by two daughters, Carol Johnson and Beverly Knieck; both of Collinsville; a son John "Jack" Ritchie of Granite City; and two granddaughters, Deborah May of Granite City and Susan Zingrich of St. Clair, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Ritchie; and his parents, Charles and Dena Ritchie.

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 3, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville, with the Rev. Donald Sabbert officiating.

## Adolph Schwaninger

ADOLPH F. "CURLIE" SCHWANINGER, 85, of Cahokia, died Tuesday, June 29, 1999, at Sunrise Care and Rehab in Edwardsville.

He was born Sept. 27, 1912, in St. Louis. Mr. Schwaninger was retired from McCaustland, Service in St.

Louis, where he was a mechanic. He was a former volunteer firefighter for the Centerville Fire Department and a member of St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church in Cahokia.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma M. (Zumwalt) Carico-Schwaninger; two daughters, Barbara Gregory of Granite City and Charlene Stewart of Chantilly, Va.; four stepsons, Darrel Carico of Cahokia, Reggie Carico and David Carico of Dupes; and Terry Carico of Millstadt; three stepdaughters, Charlotte Gardner of Lezburn, Coralee Plushy of Ewan; and Pamela Shanley of Cahokia; a brother, Harry Schwaninger of St. Louis; a sister, Jewels Mollay of St. Louis; 24 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lydia Belle (Stafford) Schwaninger; two brothers, Frank and Chuck Schwaninger; and two sisters, Helen Bergman, Mildred Brooks, Agnes Hudleston, Dorothy Delwany and Barret Schwaninger.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 2, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Cahokia, with the Rev. John Myer officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

## Abigail Slecka

ABIGAIL MAHE SLECKA, infant daughter of James and Lori (Jelley) Slecka of Maryville, died at 2:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She is survived by her parents, James and Lori Slecka; two sisters, Marissa Beth Slecka and Samantha Danielle Slecka; a brother, Joshua Adam Tucker; her paternal grandparents, Robert and Betty Slecka of Granite City; and her maternal grandparents, Bart and Pearl Peterson of Marion.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 3, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Don Stratton officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

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**Letters to the Editor**  
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## Letters to the editor

**Not all news is bad:  
Lost camera returned**

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
An incident that happened over the weekend prompted me to write this letter. All we read about nowadays are bad things and I wanted your readers to have something good to read for a change.

On Friday night my daughter and three grandchildren came from out of town for a visit. We took them to the Holy Family Picnic in Granite City for a few hours.

My two granddaughters ages 4 and 1 1/2 were so excited about going on the rides and my daughter asked me to take a couple pictures of them having a great time. I didn't have my camera and decided I must have left it at home in the confusion of getting them all ready to go.

When I finally returned to my car at 9 p.m., two young men approached me and asked if I had lost a camera. They had found it lying on the ground next to my car and took it over to the picnic stands. They had them announce the make of my car and license number hoping to find me, but we didn't hear it from all the music going on by the carnival rides.

I don't even know their names, but I admire them for their honesty and effort in trying to find the rightful owner.

I could have easily bought another camera but I could never have replaced the pictures already on that camera — they were of my newborn grandson! I hope they see this letter and that their families know they raised honest sons.

DONNA KOSTECKI  
Granite City

**Safe deposit box could  
have saved trouble**

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
If you own a home, rent a safety deposit box for house deeds and other personal papers. It is not expensive.

This is what happened to me; it could have been you. While in a nursing home and hospital for eight and a half months, a longtime friend who had a key to my home stole house deeds and personal papers, etc.

I returned home on March 26, 1998. This person said she took all of the above home for safe keeping, including eight and a half months mail, food stamps and government checks.

I have never gotten anything returned. In July 1998 this was reported to the Fairmont City Police Department, who so far have done nothing.

This is the problem: In St. Clair County anyone can go to the St. Clair County Courthouse and transfer property to his or her name, as long as the person has a deed or a quit claim deed. You don't need proof of sale, a death certificate or a will.

Martha Valina, a supervisor clerk at the Courthouse, told me since no police report was ever filed, she would have to transfer the property to the thief who stole the deeds.

This could have all been avoided by renting a \$13 safety deposit box.

RUTH MASTERSON  
Fairmount City

**Hoffmann applauded**

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I want to commend State Rep. Jay Hoffmann. I understand that he is the one to thank for all the road projects we will be seeing in our area.

He helped to ensure that construction on state Routes 159 and 157 and Interstates 255 and 84 was included in the Gov. Ryan's Illinois First package.

All of these projects are very clearly necessities if this area is going to continue to grow. Hoffman was looking out for us, and we should show our support. We should call him and thank him for his efforts.

He has served us well in Springfield. He has shown me that he is a true leader up there.

DAN BAUER  
Glen Carbon

**Walgreen's should not**

**receive help**  
**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I knew Granite City Hall had been working for years

trying to get a Walgreen's drug store in downtown Granite City, but I didn't know they had to spend all that money to get one here. Besides, Walgreen's already has a large store in Granite City.

For a good many years, my husband and I bought our medication from Miller Drug Store, a downtown, hometown pharmacist. When this drugstore went out of business, there was no place to go but Kmart.

Three months ago, I changed over to Medicap Pharmacy because it was run by a hometown young man just starting out in business.

When Al Pelate was asked what he thought about the Walgreen's deal, he answered, "I didn't get any money from the city when I started my business."

I could say my family didn't either. Doesn't City Hall know that buying property for \$700,000 and selling it for \$350,000 is poor money management? How much will the seven more parcels cost? How many buildings will have to be torn down? Does City Hall know how much \$2.4 million really is? Should money from the general revenue account be used to build a drugstore?

Who knows — City Hall may soon be tearing down the YMCA and building a Wal-Mart there to take some of the load off the other store.

Take a ride around Granite City like I did. Just see where all of that money should have been used to be of better use.

How many communities have a museum that is a National Historic Site? Shouldn't City Hall be helping with this project for the future?

GEORGIA ENGELKE  
Granite City

**Seniors' help needed**

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
This is in response to the June 20 letter written by Tom Mandant, but since "Old ways may have been best for students."

In the past, I have worked for Head Start, two school districts and a junior college as a tutor. In the late 1980s, I worked for District 118 went back to teaching reading, writing, arithmetic and social studies.

It has been proved to be successful; it gave the children skills needed to work at entry-level positions where only a high school diploma was required.

There probably are senior citizens who would be willing to help by tutoring some neighborhood children this summer. Perhaps you don't think you are qualified. This isn't true.

Anyone can teach a child the multiplication tables with flash cards. You can teach spelling and reading. If you want to advance to teach math and English, Kmart sells self-explanatory workbooks to teach almost any subject for \$2.50 each.

Senior citizens, I am appealing to you. Come out of retirement and give it a try. Parents today both must work to make ends meet. Most poorer families cannot afford summer school.

This summer, I am tutoring Mexican children who live in Fairmont City. They attend Manners School in District 189. Their parents cannot afford Catholic tuition.

If you can teach beginner cooking classes, this is an option I have found the 7- to 10-year-old boys respond better than the girls.

Just keep it simple. The kids love to cook anything made with pasta.

RUTH MASTERSON  
Fairmont City

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## Pos love Ryan; the voters hate him

Governor's accomplishments may not play well in Voter Land

You may have noticed that Gov. George Ryan has been running TV ads listing his accomplishments during the spring legislative session. The list is impressive, if not a little exaggerated. That bit about hiring 10,000 new teachers is way off, but Ryan did make a "down payment" on his goal this spring, so there's some truth to it.

As sessions go, Ryan did have a great one. Year after year, a frustrated General Assembly would adjourn for the summer with countless unresolved issues still awaiting action.

Ryan came in this spring and literally cleared the decks: A massive public works program, HMO reform, stronger regulations, environmental cleanup, trigger locks for guns and a presidential library for Abraham Lincoln were some of the highlights.

Ryan's list of accomplishments looks even longer in comparison with the (un)success rate of his immediate predecessor, Jim Bennett. The former governor wasn't the most prodigious bill-passer that ever walked the Statehouse halls.

Edgar was generally sneered at by the Springfield establishment as a guy who couldn't pass the big one. But he was genuinely liked by the public. In contrast, Gov. Ryan is almost universally adored at



Rich Miller

the Statehouse. But popularity under the dome doesn't necessarily translate into popularity in Voter Land.

A statehouse trustee place a high value on working well with others to achieve progress. But voters would often like to see their government almost paralyzed — or at least out of the way — which is a big reason why they split their tickets so much.

Enacting lots of governmental programs all at once can overwhelm the public, which tends to believe that the government can hardly do one thing right at a time, let alone a whole bunch of stuff. George Ryan may be a godlike political being in Springfield right now, but he is just the leader of state government to everyone else.

And people just don't trust the government, especially when the head guy is cheerfully building a mountain of friendly new government programs and regulations and adding insult to injury by raising taxes after solemnly

promising not to. For Springfield insiders, it's easy to look at the results of the spring session and say, hey, the new tax and fee increases are paltry, most of the new laws were crafted by an extraordinary consensus of groups and individuals that in one way or another, represent almost everyone, and a lot of truly needed and overdue legislation was passed.

But outsiders can only see more government and higher taxes. The media has helped feed this perception by repeatedly recycling the same half-dozen examples of silly pork projects to broadband Ryan's entire \$12 billion infrastructure program. Talk radio, that hotbed of rational discussion, focuses like a laser on the tax hikes and the pork.

Harshly anti-tax, anti-pork letters to the editor continue to flood newspapers from Zion to Cairo. Recent Democratic polling shows widespread discontent. It's not a good time to be Governor like Jim.

A governor like Jim Edgar, who attempts little during a period of prosperity, will make few waves, and the mostly disinterested and disengaged electorate will interpret that lack of controversy (during our hyper-controversial age) to imply a job well done.

A governor who takes big steps runs the risk of frightening that same populace with too much government-sponsored controversy.

In the long term, when the public figures out that the tax and fee hikes are not all that high, and when the newly passed laws don't impact their lives in a negative way, everything will settle down. The anger should all wear off by 2002, when Ryan will decide whether to run for re-election.

Meanwhile, the members of the General Assembly who voted for all those new taxes and government programs will have to face the voters next year.

Nationally, voters felt threatened by Bill Clinton's 1993 tax hikes and his way too expensive and bureaucratic 1994 health care proposal and they retaliated by dumping the Democratic Congress in the fall of 1994. State legislators who stuck with Ryan may be understandably queasy these days.

For right now, Ryan's smiley-faced television ads may have the opposite effect. The legislature is the group most impressed by progress.

The general public probably doesn't believe a word of it. Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers statewide issues for the Illinois Press Association.

## BAC board members take advantage of position

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
While on the Belleville Area College board for eight years, I watched board member Kay Bennett rack up thousands of dollars of bills each year for travel, lodging, meals, etc. to attend various meetings; yet, she never returned with even one constructive idea to justify the expense.

I always felt she and, to a lesser extent Richard Roehrkasse, never understood board positions were for those who wanted to serve rather than to be served and board members have an obligation to protect the taxpayers' and students' money by spending it wisely.

Now she apparently has some clones on the board. For example, instead of having a board meeting at the college, the board decided to have an overnight retreat at a hotel in Mount Vernon. The hotel charges were \$1,511 and the dinner charges were an additional \$471. That converts to about 2,245 calories per person. Bennett, Richard Roehrkasse, Same Wolf, and

Ken Joseph also charged \$40 to \$58 each for travel reimbursement to Mount Vernon.

Also, some board members are charging the taxpayers and students for travel expense to go to BAC board meetings. Sam Wolf wolfed up \$858 over 14 months while Norm Owca tapped us for \$644.

Ken Joseph drained \$4,588 from the coffers for various meetings and dinners. He stayed some nights in \$200-a-night rooms, yet he took a \$700 advance for two trips to pay for his miscellaneous expenses. He apparently spent every dime; since, the records I received do not show a refund to the college.

On the plus side, Dan Polites did not charge the college one dime this past year. He is to be commended. He apparently understands that board positions are for those who want to serve. Also, Nick Mance did not charge mileage to attend local meetings.

TED FARMER  
Belleville

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# Coincidence? Not according to what God has planned

Nothing can stop the program of God. Each and every coincidence is God's perfect timing revealed. He has a plan and purpose for the incidences that occur and the directions our lives take. God loves us for who we are — each one of us unique with different talents and ambitions. Pursue your own special dreams, God never fails to give us inspiration. "Delight thyself in the Lord and he will give you the

desires of your heart," Psalms 37:10. Be persistent. If you knock on a door and nothing happens, sometimes you have to knock again, again and again. Mountains are created to be conquered. Courageous people are not discouraged by a problem; they are challenged by it. Determination will see you through — hang in there. The person who stays in the race is the only one who can

eventually win the prize. Stick to your goal, even through a temporary setback. Every time you get four steps closer to success, even if you fall back a bit, with God's help you'll end up one step ahead. Learn from each experience and if you make a mistake, move on. Don't live in past failures. Time and energy applied to dwelling on the past takes away from the present victory. If you look behind you as you walk forward, what happens? You'll bump into something. Redirect your precious hours by making progress to achieve your grandest dream. Even if you just did one small thing a day, such as reading the Bible with that goal in mind, soon your dream will be a reality. "Good things always happen when you least expect them," reader Danny Criscuolo said. Don't ever let anyone tell you, "It can't be done." Let me be the first to say that without a doubt you can and will succeed. Keep that in your heart and mind at all times. Stay far, far

away from negative forces, naysayers and mockers. Shut them out. These detractors can kill any progress. Form a winning team of people who support one another and encourage one another's dreams. Surround yourself with positive individuals who believe with you and to whom you can turn for strength when needed. Know what it is that you want. Have a definite goal and time frame in which you will achieve it, then get things done. Do not procrastinate. This is your day, so make the most of it. A friend of mine had the ambition to go back to school to get her doctorate degree. "But I'm not sure if I should," she said. "It will take so much time, and I'm not getting any younger." I replied, "How old will you be if you don't follow your dream and go back to school?" Begin to weave. God will give you the thread. Keep on searching no matter how many times you are disappointed. Sometimes we

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

professional recording in 1993, Sister Margaret Myers said. "My second was released in 1994, and my third CD of 'Angel Music' was this year. I'm working on my fourth recording, which I hope to release by the time I am 76. "I give 99 percent of the credit to God, as I am but an instrument through whom music flows. And I'll take one percent for hard work and dedication."

wonder why things go wrong, but I have found in many instances the things that seem to go wrong bring to become blessings in disguise.

Looking on the bright side of a situation can bring a ray of sunshine to even the darkest day. One of my favorite Bible verses is, "It is always darkest before the dawn." Remember this passage when you are tempted to give up. "I started composing music in 1981 when I was 69 years old and released my first

It's never too late. Believe in God, push forward with both hands, and be amazed at your accomplishments. When you are open to delight yourself in God and your soul is in agreement, nothing is impossible.

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## Summer Planting

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It's a well-known fact that spring and fall are the best times for planting. But note the word "best." Even though summer is not considered the best time, it certainly doesn't mean you can't plant in the summer. Not by a long shot. You can actually plant any time, and by doing so now, you can still enjoy all the beauty that annuals and perennials have to offer. All it will take is a little more water and TLC. Everything else is the same. So don't feel you have to wait until fall.

Here are some annual and perennial planting tips. Follow them and you'll have an explosion of color in no time.

Before you purchase plants, decide on a site. How much light will the plants receive? Most annuals prefer full sun, but many, such as impatiens and wax begonias, do best in partial shade. What other plants will be in the area? What is the soil like? Will you be able to supply water to the area?

The most important step after choosing a location is soil preparation. Soil that has too much sand or clay should be amended with at least two inches of organic matter such as peat moss, decomposed manure or compost. This will improve soil structure, drainage and water-holding capacity.

After spreading the amendments over the soil, spade the top six to eight inches of soil, incorporating organic matter and fertilizer all at once. Work the soil just enough to thoroughly mix the additives. Be sure to follow all label directions.

Once the soil has been prepared, planting can begin. Dig a hole just slightly larger than the root ball. Remove the moistened plant from its container. Do this carefully to avoid damaging the roots. When you have the plant free, tease the roots a little bit to loosen them.

Place the plant in the hole and fill in around the root ball with soil, firming it gently. If annuals were started in peat pots, bury or remove the top edges of the pots to prevent drying.

Water the area thoroughly. This is especially important this time of year. Moisture is much more prevalent in the spring and fall, with the cooler weather and all, but that's normally not the case now. So you'll have to provide plenty of water.

Check the area often to keep it free of weeds. Weeds compete with the plants for water and nutrients. Most weeds can be controlled easily by applying a decorative mulch. It will also improve the looks of the area surrounding the plants.

If they become a real problem, spot weed killers are available, but unfortunately, they'll kill the flowers too, if you're not careful. Make absolutely certain that none of it drifts onto the desirable plants.

How about fertilizer? Annuals can be fed throughout the summer. Just be sure to follow the label directions on the package. Perennials, on the other hand, shouldn't be fed until fall.

Now, sit back and enjoy the colorful garden you thought you'd have to wait until fall for!

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## In Brief

**Paddlers offering swimming lessons**

Paddlers Swim Club in Granite City is having sign-up for swimming lessons from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at the club, located at 2121 Johnson Road.

Classes will begin July 12 and end July 23. Age groups are 3-4, 5-6, and 7-up.

The cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. For information, call 876-1802.

**Aglow meeting scheduled Thursday**

Aglow International of Granite City will meet at 7

p.m. Thursday at the Ramada Limited, 5150 Illinois 111 in Pontoon Beach.

The speaker will be Dianne Whitehead.

**ACORN chapter meets Thursday**

The Venice and Madison chapter of ACORN will meet at 7 p.m. at the Venice Senior Center, located at the intersection of Klein and Brown streets in Venice.

One of the main topics of discussion is expected to be the retention of Associate Judge Einar Duff, whose last day on the bench was Wednesday.

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## GC Park District lifeguard class starting

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two-week class, which began Monday, is offered to youngsters ages 11 to 14 and is being taught by Granite City Park District lifeguards Cherie Patrick and Holly Derossett.

"Our main objective is to teach the kids water safety, basic CPR and first aid with the hope they'll use the skills as a way to become certified at 16," Patrick said.

The youngsters are in the water from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Besides learning basic lifesaving techniques and water safety skills, they are learning about drowning prevention and the roles and responsibilities associated with a professional lifeguard.

"What they will effectively give them an understanding of

decision-making and communication skills, besides saving someone's life," Patrick said.

The aspiring lifeguards were in the pool Thursday, swimming laps throughout the morning and practicing numerous lifesaving techniques during the afternoon. As an example of a lifesaving technique, they jumped into the water with blue jeans, removing, zipping and tying them as a way to use the jeans as flotation devices.

"If someone is drowning at a lake or somewhere where there isn't a conventional flotation apparatus, a pair of jeans can come in handy," Patrick said. "Now the kids know that and can possibly save a life," Patrick said.

After being in the water for about six hours, one would think that they would be eager to hop out of the pool, but that

was not the case.

"Learning from the lifeguards is a lot of fun," Barrios said. "I don't want the summer to go away."

Control added, "I want to become a lifeguard, so I'll swim all day if that's what it takes."

Derossett, 18, who was certified as a lifeguard this year by Patrick, said she enjoys teaching the youngsters.

"They're great and want to learn," Derossett said. "It's fun passing on the skills that I learned from Cherie."

Those participating in the class besides Barrios and Control are Michael Scannell, 13; Frank Holmes, 12; Krista Romanek, 12; Matt Carmody, 13; Adam Granddier, 13; Brandi Hammond, 12; Justin Zagar, 12; and Jacob Long, 12. The class costs \$70 per child. Other classes will be offered this summer.

## Woman arrested in 23rd Street arson case

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bulky turnover equipment," said Granite City Fire Chief Keith Talley. "Some firefighters used two tank masks and had to come back

for a third one.

Betty Haze, who lives in the area, said she was afraid the fire would spread to several homes because the flames were so intense.

"It was really burning, and there was smoke everywhere," she said. "It's a good thing

nobody was in the house."

Estimated damage to the house at 2317 E. 23rd was \$25,000; damage to the home at 2319 E. 23rd was estimated at \$15,000.

No one was injured and a fire report stated that smoke detectors were not installed.

## Toyota AirSports team appearing at fair

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This crew from Creve Coeur, Mo., will use the Toyota AirSports Corolla to do an aerobatics demonstration three times each day. Shows are at 11:40 a.m., 3:40 and 5:40 p.m.

The Toyota AirSports crew do 20 to 25 shows each year all over the country. This will be a third appearance by pilot Kent Gordon who, at 31, is one of the youngest pilots in the air show industry.

Rolls, flips and drops from almost a half-mile in the air and at speeds up to 250 mph

are featured in the show.

On a test flight last week from Parks Downtown St. Louis Airport in Cahokia, Gordon made a few maneuvers look easy for members of the media who were along for an in-air demonstration.

Secondary pilot Chuck Coleman who flew a "chase" plane accompanying Gordon, said that St. Louis is one of the team's favorite venues, not only because it is so close to home but because of the riverfront's landmark guidance.

"A lot of the shows we do are over open green fields, and you get into a

roll and you know you have to stop at some point and it's not always easy to tell when. In St. Louis, you have the Arch and you can never really get lost."

The St. Louis riverfront also poses its share of challenges. "The water is a little different (than in other parts of the country) and with the bridges, you have to fly a little tighter than normal," Coleman said.

But Coleman said it is also a fun site because of the number of spectators.

"There are always so many people," he said. "The crowd is huge down there."

## In Brief

### SEMC helps

with Prairie State Games  
Providence Occupational Health Services, an affiliate of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, and the sports medicine department of the hospital provided medical support and strategic planning for the recent Prairie State Games. St. Elizabeth has supplied medical support since its location in the area Ronald Finnan, manager of clinical operations for Providence, and Dan Stephens, SEMC Sports Medicine Department Coordinator, coordinated all the medical care.

Their participation included delivery supplies and meals and the scheduling of 200 medical volunteers. In addition to them, 15 medical center and Providence volunteers, including athletic trainers, participated in the annual Olympic-style event.

### SEMC names new medical officers

St. Elizabeth Medical Center has announced its medical staff officers for the 1999-2000 term.

Dr. Syed Ali, board certified neurologist, has been elected president; Dr. James Fernandez, board certified otolaryngologist, has been elected president-elect. Dr. Peter Anderson, board certified orthopedic surgeon, has been elected immediate past president.

Ali, a graduate of Dow Medical School in Karachi, Pakistan, completed his residency in Cleveland; he has been a staff member since 1982.

Fernandez, a staff member since 1986, has served as chief of surgery since 1995; he is a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Medicine. Anderson served as chief surgeon for two years. He has

been a staff member since 1990 and is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. He received his training in orthopedic surgery at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn.

### Venice board

#### sets special meeting

Another special meeting of the Venice School Board to discuss nonresident students and related personnel issues has been set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Venice High School gym.

The board has met in special session most of it in session — twice in the last two weeks to discuss the issues.

About 173 students have been

classified as nonresident and must either move into the district, register and attend in their own district or pay a nonresident tuition fee.

The district is facing the possibility of paying the state more than \$1.1 million in disallowed state aid and the loss of additional aid in the coming school year because of the nonresident students.

Because of the expected drop in enrollment and the loss of state aid, the district is facing the possibility of deficits ranging up to about \$1 million for the coming school year.

### Kerr-McGee offering

#### free wood blocks

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## Chemetco pollution trial delay possible

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Office received another seven inches' worth of paper documents containing even

more testimony, consisting of conversations held between employees.

"I'm not going to set a specific date today," Stiel said, "but I am going to set one by this time next week."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Quinley, the lead prosecutor, said the case's crux — the allegation that for 10 years, Chemetco

foreign purposefully discharged pollutants through a secret pipe into Long Lake — is fairly simple but that its context is extremely complex.

"I estimate that with three days of court per week, it will take approximately six weeks to try this case," Quinley told the judge. "It will take that long to present the wealth of information the government has gathered in the past year and to present some 40, maybe 50, witnesses — all Chemetco employees plus one contractor — who are able to testify directly to the conspiracy."

Five individuals and Chemetco are accused of hiring contractors to spy on the plant to install a hidden pipe and routinely dispensing metal-laden sludge totaling some 30,000 cubic feet of the pollutant zinc oxide from September 1988 to September 1996.

Chemetco employs more than 300 people at its plant on Illinois Route 3. Those arraigned May 10 on felony charges of conspiracy were: Gary L. Reed, the company's superintendent of maintenance from 1988-93; George J. Boud Jr., superintendent of maintenance from 1993-98; Roger K. Copeland, millwright foreman on and before Sept. 18, 1996; Kevin A. Zeman, lab technician foreman on and before Sept. 18, 1996; and Bruce W. Hendrickson, plant manager from 1991-98.

The company, Boud, Copeland, Youngman and Hendrickson are charged with violating the Federal Clean Water Act. Chemetco and Hendrickson also are charged with making false statements.

Chemetco counsel Bruce Cook said the amount of documentation is staggering and will occupy extensive hours, days, weeks and months of all five defense attorneys' schedules just to initially pore over the specifics.

"This isn't going to be any fun," Cook said.

Just Wednesday, Quinley said, the U.S. Attorney's

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## Legion stats Updated standings, stats for Legion

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## Belleville fields team in Metro Collegians

No need to bore you with more whining about the city of Belleville and its lack of a lighted baseball diamond for high school, American Legion or adult players. The fact remains that Belleville continues to produce talent while not really giving much of itself



Art Voellinger  
Sports  
Views

To assist the likes of Tom Baltz, the coach of the Belleville Hilgard Post 58 American Legion team. While Tom bounces from location to location from Belleville Area College to Sauget to Millstadt for home games, men's baseball has been absent from the city since 1996 when a Mon-Clair team coached by Gary Bernard of Belleville folded midway through the summer.

While Bernard suffered financially due to lack of sponsors, it appears an adult-type team in Belleville will survive this summer due to a \$300 per player charge in the St. Louis-based Metro Collegians League.

Coached by Joe Bauer of Belleville, whose resume includes being an assistant baseball coach at BAC and former assistant and head coach of the Fairview Heights Collegiate League team, the Belleville team is one of six Metro Collegians entrants.

While Belleville plays its home games at BAC, the other teams and their home parks are: Brentwood, Mo. (Brentwood Park); Clayton, Mo. (Washington University); Creve Coeur, Mo. (Missouri Baptist College); Manchester, Mo. (Parkway South High School); and Sauget (Sauget Field).

Scheduled to play approximately 30 games (weather permitting) from June 3 to July 15, when the playoffs begin, the Metro Collegians League offers college-age players (none with Legion eligibility) a chance to hone their skills while also being eligible to play in the Mon-Clair League.

Metro Collegians League games are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with most of the Mon-Clair games slated on Sundays. Players must use wood bats.

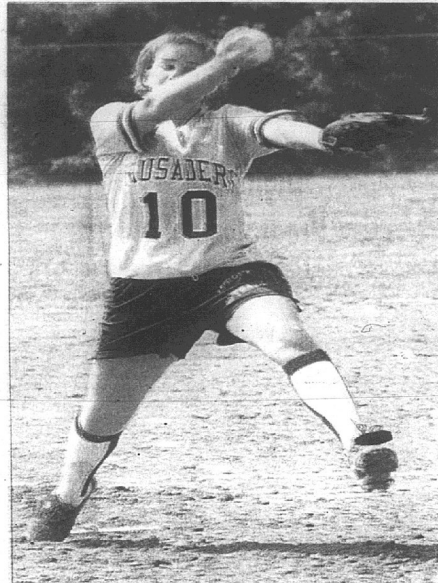
Early season statistical leaders for Belleville included Bryan Beckman, Mike Bowen, Robbie Brown, Greg Distler, Toby Lindsay, Brett Haake and Ryan Tribout.

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# Sports

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All-Journal  
Prep tennis  
team selected  
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Althoff senior pitcher Katie Kloess posted a 17-3 record with an earned run average of 0.21 this spring. She also led the Crusaders in batting average with a .424 mark.

## Kloess enjoys banner season for Crusaders

Standout senior pitcher leads Althoff to 1st state tourney showing in program history

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

It wasn't easy for Katie Kloess to top her junior season of high school softball, but that's exactly what she did.

A year ago, the Althoff pitching standout was named Class AA Player of the Year for Journal Newspapers of the Southern Illinois, but her team lost 1-0 to Belleville West in the IHSA Class AA regional championship game.

In 1999, Kloess has once again been named player of the Year. But this time, she helped the Crusaders reach the state tournament. Althoff lost 2-1 to Orland Park Sandburg in the quarterfinals, but it didn't spoil a superb senior season for Kloess, who had a 17-3 record and an ERA of 0.21. She struck out 179 batters in 131 innings while allowing only 57 hits and 20 walks.

Kloess also had a team-high .424 batting average, with nine doubles, 13 RBI and a team-high 25 runs scored.

The state tournament appearance was not only the first for Kloess, but also for her mother, Mary Kloess, Althoff's longtime head coach.

"It took 23 years, so it was really special," Mary Kloess said. "We had such a great season and we had so much fun. The girls were so competitive. Even if we wouldn't have

gotten to state, I really enjoyed the kids."

Katie Kloess' love for softball is hardly surprising because she grew up around the sport. Her father, Tom Kloess, was one of the top players in the Belleville City League, the Metro East's premier men's fast-pitch circuit.

"Katie was 7 when she started playing, but she was six months old when we started taking her to softball games," Mary Kloess said. "We've met a lot of nice people, learned a lot of things and made some good associations because of the game."

Kloess, who split the pitching duties this season with junior Emily Scenell, played first base when she wasn't on the mound. In addition to the time she has spent under the tutelage of her parents, she has worked with several pitching coaches, most recently George Jones.

"I've gone to George for two or three years now," said Kloess, who has signed a scholarship to play next season at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. "He's worked with a lot of people. His big thing is rhythm, balance and footwork. He's helped me perfect a lot of my movement pitches."

Years of playing select softball in the summer also have honed Kloess' skills. She's in her fourth year with the St. Louis Heat, which played last week in a tournament in Colorado.

See KLOESS, Page 38

## Tri City rallies to defeat Alton

Post 113 holds  
on for 8-6 victory

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Like most of its games the past few weeks, the Tri City American Legion team's tussle with Alton on Wednesday night was a close affair.

This time, Post 113 emerged with an 8-6 victory.

Tri City opened scoring with two runs in the home half of the first. Jeff Schlecht led off the inning with a double to right-center field. Two batters later, Teddy Millas' fly ball was misplayed in the outfield, allowing Schlecht to score.

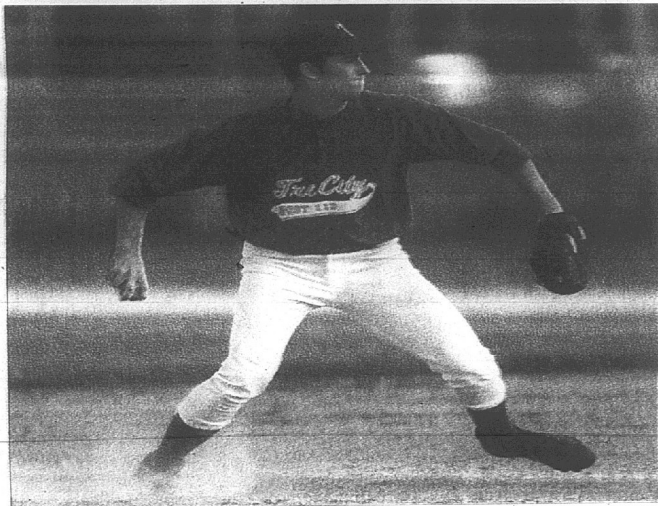
Millas reached third on Devin Mayes' groundout and scored on a passed ball.

Alton came back with four in the top of the fourth against Tri City starter Sean Courtney.

Jeff Schwierjohn, Sam Powers, Brendan McGinnis and Nick Strohback all scored to give Alton the 4-2 lead.

Dustin Murphy and Elliott Dine led off the bottom of the fourth with back-to-back singles and both scored to tie the game at 4-4.

Schwierjohn and Powers scored in the top of the fifth to regain the lead for Alton, but Murphy's single drove in two



Tri City shortstop Devin Mayes delivered a two-run hit in the sixth inning to provide the difference in Post 113's 8-6 victory Wednesday against Alton.

Tim Stephenson photo

## Collinsville happy with 9-5 start

Travelers show signs of  
putting it all together

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Pat Dellamano, the coach of the Collinsville American Legion junior division team,

pleased with the Her

Travelers' 9-5 start. However, Dellamano knows a key hit here or there could have given the team a 12-2 mark.

One of those games took place last week when the Travelers fell 2-1 to Roxana in a pitcher's duel.

"It was a heart breaker," Dellamano said. "The first inning was the game. They had a hit and a home run. We shut them down the rest of the way." (Joe) Stogner gave up two hits in four innings. (Andy) Sidwell pitched the last two innings and gave up one hit.

"We played flawless defense but didn't hit the hits."

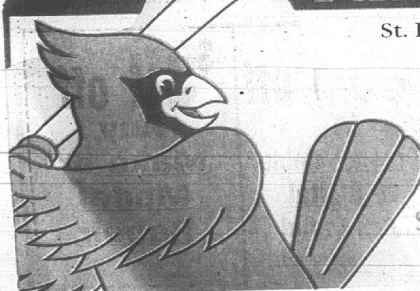
The Travelers had

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## Sports

# Belleville fields team in Metro Collegians

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Pitching leaders included Cory Blackwell, Bowen, Brown, Ryan Curry, Justin Hampson, Jim Pecoraro and Quent Stenzel.

## Extra innings

Congratulations to Darin Hendrickson, the 29-year-old Granite City native who has been named baseball coach at Forest Park Community College in St. Louis.

In four seasons at Fontbonne College, Hendrickson compiled a 120-54 record and guided the Griffins to the 1998 NCAA Division III national tournament. Also a pitcher with Waterloo of the Mon-Clair League, Hendrickson not only has an unprecedented five consecutive league earned run titles but hurled a no-hitter in early June against Fairview Heights.

While the Mon-Clair League now stretches from Greenville to Farmington, Mo., it should come as no surprise that league officials are following the progress of the Southern Illinois Diamondbacks. Based in Greenville, the Diamondbacks played the Evansville (Ind.) Outlaws on Father's Day in Busch Stadium. Today, an assistant coach at Vienna

High, is the manager of the Diamondbacks, who feature 10 players from Shawnee Community College.

## Overtime

Only four teams competed in the Prairie State baseball games with Springfield joining Mon-Clair League teams, Fairview Heights, Waterloo and Granite City.

The Waterloo Buds won the championship for coach Vern Moehrs for a second straight year.

Previously, teams came from Chicago and the Rockford area but Moehrs said travel and housing expenses make it difficult.

"I'd just as well see us have all the Mon-Clair League teams here," Moehrs said.

## Footnote

Increased attendance at girls and female events in the Prairie States Games should come as no surprise.

Nationally, in basketball, for instance, collegiate attendance increased by a million fans in 1998-99. Tennessee led with an average of 16,565 at home while the University of Illinois was ninth at 7,407.

Despite its losing record, Illinois State ranked 76th at 1,385. That's impressive when you consider the University of Missouri was 100th at 1,108.

# American Legion statistics

District 22 Senior Statistics (Through Thursday)			
HITTING			
Player	AB	AVG.	Runs Batted In
T. Krick, Smithton	19,632	.24	2,625
S. Haake, Waterloo	19,579	.24	2,625
J. Schmersahl, Waterloo	26,500	.24	2,625
D. Munoz, Collinsville	43,477	.24	2,625
K. Sangolo, Belleville	36,472	.24	2,625
J. Clayton, Collinsville	43,462	.24	2,625
N. O'Donnell, Belleville	24,458	.24	2,625
W. Astraks, Collinsville	22,455	.24	2,625
K. Tilgott, Fairview	79,443	.24	2,625
J. Rohlfing, Waterloo	25,440	.24	2,625
S. Hampton, O'Fallon	32,438	.24	2,625
J. Valiero, Smithton	18,438	.24	2,625
M. Frey, Highland	30,433	.24	2,625
D. Brinkley, Fairview	37,432	.24	2,625
T. Torisky, Waterloo	58,428	.24	2,625
N. Jones, Collinsville	37,428	.24	2,625
L. Wessel, Belleville	21,428	.24	2,625
J. Heiler, Waterloo	68,428	.24	2,625
J. Schwierrjohn, Alton			
Home Runs			
Player	HR		
Shawn Hampton, O'Fallon	8		
Brooks Colvin, O'Fallon	6		
Wayne Astraks, Collinsville	4		
Steve Haake, Waterloo	3		
Kevin Sangolo, Belleville	3		
Nick Jones, Collinsville	3		
Brian Giambrose, South Roxana	3		
Robert Rahn, South Roxana	3		
Justin McBride, Troy	3		
Strohbeck, Alton	3		
Triples			
Player	3B		
Kevin Sangolo, Belleville	4		
Travis Krick, Smithton	3		
Jeson Bultastros, Bethalto	3		
Travis Jones, Belleville	3		
Nick Bohnenstiel, O'Fallon	3		
Jackie Frederick, Belleville	3		
Jared Hayes, Troy	3		
Doubles			
Player	2B		
Powers, Alton	28		
Schwierjohn, Alton	9		
Brooks Colvin, O'Fallon	9		
McGinnis, Alton	9		
Lucas Wessel, Belleville	9		
David Tebbe, Highland	9		

Slugging Percentage			
Player	SLG	Pct.	Runs Batted In
S. Haake, Waterloo	.38	1.000	2,625
T. Krick, Smithton	.36	1.000	2,625
J. Schmersahl, Waterloo	.34	1.000	2,625
K. Sangolo, Belleville	.32	1.000	2,625
S. Hampton, O'Fallon	.30	1.000	2,625
W. Astraks, Collinsville	.28	1.000	2,625
R. Rahn, S. Roxana	.27	1.000	2,625
J. Clayton, Collinsville	.26	1.000	2,625
B. Giambrose, S. Roxana	.25	1.000	2,625
K. Bohnenstiel, Belleville	.24	1.000	2,625
Bethalto	.23	1.000	2,625
D. Munoz, Collinsville	.22	1.000	2,625
N. Jones, Collinsville	.21	1.000	2,625
J. Clayton, Collinsville	.20	1.000	2,625
Schwierjohn, Alton	.19	1.000	2,625

# Legion baseball scores

Junior American Legion			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Tri City	25	10	.714
Tri City 4	25	10	.714
Tri City 5	25	10	.714
Tri City 6	25	10	.714
Tri City 7	25	10	.714
Tri City 8	25	10	.714
Tri City 9	25	10	.714
Tri City 10	25	10	.714
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Tri City 19	25	10	.714
Tri City 20	25	10	.714
Tri City 21	25	10	.714
Tri City 22	25	10	.714
Tri City 23	25	10	.714
Tri City 24	25	10	.714
Tri City 25	25	10	.714

# American Legion schedule

American Legion District 22 Senior Schedule			
Date	Home	Away	Time
June 2	Highland 1, St. Louis 1		7:30 p.m.
June 3	Highland 5, Jerseyville 4		7:30 p.m.
June 4	Alton 18, Festus (Mo.) 16		7:30 p.m.
June 5	Trenton 3, Highland 5		7:30 p.m.
June 6	Dupo 6, Tri City 5		7:30 p.m.
June 7	Columbia 8, Alton 7		7:30 p.m.
June 8	Highland 7, Carlyle 4		7:30 p.m.
June 9	O'Fallon 4, at Festus (Mo.) 3		7:30 p.m.
June 10	Festus (Mo.) 3, O'Fallon 4		7:30 p.m.
June 11	O'Fallon 10, Dupo 2		7:30 p.m.
June 12	Creve Coeur 5, Alton 5		7:30 p.m.
June 13	Alton 6, Creve Coeur (Mo.) 1		7:30 p.m.
June 14	Bethalto 8, Cahokia 4		7:30 p.m.
June 15	Carlyle 4, O'Fallon 3		7:30 p.m.
June 16	Alton 4, Bethalto 3		7:30 p.m.
June 17	Highland 7, East St. Louis 1		7:30 p.m.
June 18	O'Fallon 9, Mount Vernon 7		7:30 p.m.
June 19	Waterloo 18, Cahokia 8		7:30 p.m.
June 20	Columbia 10, Cahokia 0		7:30 p.m.
June 21	Belleville 3, Smithton 2		7:30 p.m.
June 22	Bethalto 7, Highland 1		7:30 p.m.
June 23	O'Fallon 8, Troy 5		7:30 p.m.
June 24	Collinsville 12, Trenton 0		7:30 p.m.
June 25	Smithton 13, Cahokia 3		7:30 p.m.
June 26	O'Fallon 4, Tri City 1		7:30 p.m.
June 27	Nashville 1, Waterloo 0		7:30 p.m.
June 28	Highland 8, Troy 6		7:30 p.m.
June 29	Belleville 11, Bolton (Tenn.) 2		7:30 p.m.
June 30	Belleville 3, Codova (Tenn.) 4		7:30 p.m.
July 1	O'Fallon 9, Nashville 6		7:30 p.m.
July 2	O'Fallon 12, Waterloo 7		7:30 p.m.
July 3	Bartlett (Tenn.) 12, Belleville 8		7:30 p.m.
July 4	Highland 11, East St. Louis 6		7:30 p.m.
July 5	Carlyle 4, Collinsville 1		7:30 p.m.
July 6	Fairview Heights 12, Cahokia 1		7:30 p.m.
July 7	Waterloo 4, South Roxana 2		7:30 p.m.
July 8	Collinsville 13, Carlyle 3		7:30 p.m.
July 9	Belleville 11, Gallatin (Tenn.) 8		7:30 p.m.
July 10	Highland 14, Cahokia 4		7:30 p.m.
July 11	O'Fallon 9, Elliville (Mo.) 7		7:30 p.m.
July 12	Tri City 6, South Roxana 3		7:30 p.m.
July 13	South Roxana 9, Tri City 1		7:30 p.m.
July 14	O'Fallon 7, Fairview Heights 4		7:30 p.m.
July 15	Highland 3, Nashville 2		7:30 p.m.
July 16	O'Fallon 10, Dupo 2		7:30 p.m.
July 17	Tri City 6, South Roxana 3		7:30 p.m.
July 18	South Roxana 9, Tri City 1		7:30 p.m.
July 19	O'Fallon 7, Fairview Heights 4		7:30 p.m.
July 20	Highland 3, Nashville 2		7:30 p.m.
July 21	Belleville 4, Cahokia 2		7:30 p.m.
July 22	Highland 6, O'Fallon 5		7:30 p.m.
July 23	Belleville 12, Edwardsville 4		7:30 p.m.
July 24	Smithton 14, Waterloo 3		7:30 p.m.
July 25	Belleville 4, Alton 3		7:30 p.m.
July 26	Collinsville 11, Stewart 2		7:30 p.m.
July 27	Alton 4, Collinsville 0		7:30 p.m.
July 28	Smithton 11, Belleville 10		7:30 p.m.
July 29	East St. Louis 4, Alton 2		7:30 p.m.
July 30	Cahokia 21, Collinsville 8		7:30 p.m.
July 31	Highland 12, Dupo 3		7:30 p.m.
Aug 1	Fairview Heights 11, Cahokia 1		7:30 p.m.
Aug 2	Edwardsville 4, Tri City 0		7:30 p.m.
Aug 3	Belleville 15, Nashville 6		7:30 p.m.
Aug 4	Tri City 4, Troy 3		7:30 p.m.
Aug 5	Fairview Heights 17, Belleville 4		7:30 p.m.
Aug 6	East St. Louis 5, South Roxana 4		7:30 p.m.
Aug 7	Edwardsville 6, Tri City 5		7:30 p.m.

# Youth standings

CBSL Standings Baseball			
Team	W	L	Pct.
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Atom 1	0	0	0.000
Atom 2	0	0	0.000
Atom 3	0	0	0.000
Atom 4	0	0	0.000
Atom 5	0	0	0.000
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## All-Journal Class AA softball

## FIRST TEAM

Casey Hunter, Belleville West: After seeing limited varsity time as a freshman, Hunter had an outstanding sophomore season, posting an 11-1 record with a 0.17 ERA, in 82

innings, she had 144 strikeouts while allowing 21 walks and 22 hits.

"As a freshman, she came into some tough situations and she gained a lot of experience," said West coach Bob Yagge. "This year she learned how to pitch more

intelligently and set up batters instead of just throwing. She has a very bright future — she may be one of the best we've had here."

Heather Hubert, Belleville West: A varsity starter since her freshman year, Hubert was impressive again as a junior, posting a 13-3 record with a 0.47 ERA. In 105 innings, she struck out 154 and walked 17 while allowing 43 hits.

Heather is an established commodity in the area when it comes to pitching," Yagge said. "Teams who faced her knew they would be seeing a lot of ball movement and speed. They wanted to get a hit off her even if they didn't win the ballgame."

Stacey Evans, Triad: She proved her freshman campaign in 1998 was no fluke. A year ago she struck out 218 strikeouts, this season she struck out 242 and had a ratio of 10.3 strikeouts per game. Earned runs were virtually non-existent as she finished the spring with a 0.34 ERA.

At the plate she really came on in the second half of the spring and finished the season with a .350 average. "I thought she was just as good a pitcher as anybody else," Triad coach Bruce Lewis said. "We had some games where we didn't hit behind her and that could have been the cause of some of her losses."

The way she performed in the Belleville East game solidified her as one of the better pitchers in the area."

Catcher

Amy Fitzgerald, Collinsville: The senior set school records with nine triples and 19 RBIs while batting a team leading .448 this season.

"She was such a hard worker and not just at softball but in the classroom too," Collinsville coach Sara Thruwaiker said. "She ranked 24th or 25 in her class."

"She was definitely the most valuable player on the team and producing when we needed it. Defensively, she was an asset to the team and a good leader. She and (co-captain) Adrienne Wilson kept the team motivated and on track."

Beth Yagge, Belleville West: The senior first baseman, a three-year starter, batted .382 with a team-high 26 RBIs. She had eight extra-base hits and 13 stolen bases and scored 25 runs.

Amanda Williams, Belleville East: The Lancaster senior shortstop earned first-team honors for the second consecutive year by batting .394 with 17 RBIs. She was second on the team in hits (30), runs scored (25) and stolen bases (16).

Williams will play next season at Missouri Baptist College in St. Louis.

Rayne Slater, Granite City: She filled a key leadership role for the Warriors softball team this year.

One of only two senior starters, along with Jan Shanafelt, Slater manned third base and helped to build the infield together. At the plate, she batted .363 with 28 runs, five

doubles, six triples, two home runs and 28 RBIs.

Slater was a four-sport threat during her high-school career, participating in tennis, swimming and ice hockey in addition to her softball duties. As there is no girls hockey team in Illinois high-school sports, Slater had to go up against the boys. But this is only athlete who is tough enough to handle the challenge.

"I've been playing against boys all my life, my brothers and others," Slater said. "Mostly it's been the same bunch of guys I have been playing with since I was 7, so they are used to it, and so am I. They've always been really supportive."

Courtney Redick, O'Fallon: A junior shortstop and a three-year starter, Redick batted .337 for a Panthers squad that won a school-record 26 games.

Casey Lindsay, Mascoutah: A four-year starter and the daughter of first-year Indians coach Ron Lindsay, the senior second baseman led the Mississippi Valley Conference with 26 RBIs — nearly twice as many as the runner-up — while batting .352.

Kerri Higgins, Belleville East: After a solid sophomore season, Higgins was even better as a junior. She led the Lancans in batting average (.414), hits (41), runs scored (35), RBIs (23), home runs (three) and stolen bases (24). She was also East's No. 2 pitcher, posting a .52 record with a 1.31 ERA.

Emily Scannell, Alton: A junior, Scannell

was the Crusaders' No. 2 pitcher and played right field when Katie Kloess was on the mound. She batted .367 with nine doubles and a team-high 22 RBIs. She split the pitching duties with Kloess throughout the regular season and was 12-1 with a 0.56 ERA. She struck out 108 batters in 95 innings while allowing 47 hits and seven walks.

Jamie Belsch, Belleville West: Belsch had a superb freshman season for the Maroons, batting .377 with 17 RBIs and eight extra-base hits. She led the team in stolen bases (22), runs scored (34) and hits (40).

## SECOND TEAM

Belleville East: Kristen Becker, Belleville East; Krissy Kohnen, O'Fallon; Becky Stone, O'Fallon.

Catcher: Kara Wilson, Belleville West.

Outfielders: Krysti Kraus, Belleville West; Jen Dahm, Belleville East; Yumi Blackburn, O'Fallon; Angie Allaris, Edwardsville; Suzanne Gundlach, Alton; Brea Zika, Triad; Missy Michael, Waterloo.

Outfielders: Samantha Easterly, Alton; Holly Minton, O'Fallon; Katie Louis, O'Fallon; Jen Kypka, Collinsville.

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## Kloess enjoys banner season for Crusaders

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"They just played in a tournament in St. Louis, where they qualified for the ASA nationals, which start Aug. 2 in Chattanooga (Tenn.)." Mary

Kloess said. "The ASA tournament is what you always dream about — it's the best of the best. We're in the 18 gold division this year, which is a lot more competitive than 18-and-under."

"Katie has become more mature as far as her pitch

selection and knowing what to throw at the right time. She never gets rattled. She's

played in a lot of big tournaments before (in select softball), but the high school season has more pressure than summer ball because it's more publicized. You always want

to do well for your high school."

Kloess was a four-year starter for the Crusaders, who had a record of 102-23 in that span. She holds nearly every Althoff pitching record.



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## Sports

# Moehrs posts 1,400th win

## Milestone for Buds skipper comes vs. Granite City

By Garen Vartanian  
Staff writer

What did Waterloo Buds manager Vern Moehrs think of capturing win No. 1,400 on June 28?

### BASEBALL

"It means I've been around a long time," Moehrs mused.

Moehrs reached the milestone when his Buds whitewashed Granite City 13-0 in the opening round of the open men's baseball division at the 16th annual Prairie State Games on June 28.

Waterloo (19-4) left little doubt early as it posted six runs in the first and five more in the second.

"We hadn't been hitting up to this point," Moehrs said. "The guys hit the ball well."

Waterloo went on to win the PSG gold medal last weekend, lifting Moehrs' career record to 1,402-278 record.

As usual, Waterloo's offense — which recorded 41 runs in three contests — received the headlines from its successful Prairie State Games weekend.

But the Buds' pitching, often overshadowed by the offense, keyed their fourth straight gold medal run as well.

Brandon Musso got the Buds rolling with a five-inning two-hitter against Granite City. Musso fanned eight and walked four.

Darin Hendrickson followed Musso's showing with a complete game effort against the Springfield Palisades on June 26.

Hendrickson allowed four runs, three earned, while scattering eight hits. He also struck out eight.

After starter Corey Blackwell struggled in the gold medal game against Fairview Heights on June 27, Moehrs summoned Jim Schlecht, who responded with three innings of one-hit relief.

"He really slammed the door," Moehrs said.

Perhaps the first two innings of the PSG were an omen for Granite City.

The Steelers (7-10) surrendered 11 runs before eventually losing 13-0 to Waterloo.

"6-0 in the first, 11-0 in the second... it's pretty hard to come back from a deficit like that," said Granite City player-manager Brian Harshany, whose squad completed PSG competition at 0-3.

"We've got a great group of guys, but if you give up that many runs in two innings and they've got a good pitcher on the mound, it's pretty hard to come back."

The Travelers led by as many as six runs (8-2) before Tri City scored eight consecutive runs.

Collinsville trailed 10-6 heading into the bottom of the seventh, when Justin Volkmar homered to cut the lead to 10-9. Ryan Hodge followed with his own solo shot to force extra innings.

Willardt was the winning pitcher, working 5½ innings in relief of starter Joe Stogner. Willardt allowed just two hits and two runs.

Andy Sidwell picked up the victory in the second game for Collinsville.

# Travelers happy with 9-5 start

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opportunities to win the game in the sixth and seventh innings. In both frames, Collinsville had the bases loaded but could only muster one run.

"One night we hit and one night we field. We haven't had it all together yet," Dellamano said. "If it all came together one night, we could beat anybody. We've been using the young guys a lot and they've really helped. Really, a lot of our success is because it is a total team effort."

The Travelers used a total team effort Monday when they swept Tri City in a doubleheader. The Travelers won the opener 11-10 in the bottom of the eighth inning on a

solo home run by Steve Mandeville.

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# Tri City turns back Alton for fourth win

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in the bottom of the inning to tie the game at 6-6.

Alton's threat in the top of the sixth inning was thwarted when Courtney got Jason Bruns to ground into a 1-3-5 double play.

Tri City broke ahead for good in the bottom of the sixth when Devin Mayes' two-out single scored Matt Mercer and Schlecht.

Scott Schardan closed out the final three batters to preserve the victory for Post 113.

"We just made too many errors," Alton coach Dennis Sharp said. "We have just been playing all year with errors and we committed too many tonight. We are not giving our pitching enough support."

Especially when we are dealing with a lack of bat production, we can't suffer with errors."

"It's kind of the same old story," Tri City manager Chad Lignoul said. "I told these guys when we got two in the first that you can't let them hang around, but we did again. We let them get the lead on us, then tied it twice. Then we finally broke through and got a big hit when we needed to."

"We got a few hits tonight, but we got that big hit in the right spot, when we really needed it. Devin really came through in a big way. It was nice to see him back really playing. I think he may have still been a little hurt, a little tentative, but he seems to be OK now. That was a big hit and that's one thing he has always been able to do is hit."

Post 113 has made a habit of playing close games lately but has just a 4-9 overall record

to show for its efforts.

"I think it's a little bit of maturity and little bit of frustration at losing the close ones," Lignoul said. "There may be no other team in this league that has been in as many one-run games and had to fight like that. I don't know if it makes you more mature or if it makes you know what to expect a little bit. The bottom line is that you still have to get the hit, you still have to get the breaks, you still have to get all of that stuff."

"Hopefully, this turns things around. We have the chance now with East St. Louis (scheduled for this past Thursday) and Nashville (scheduled for this past Saturday) to make up some ground. I think realistically what you have to look for now is just to get back to around .500 and take your chances. I think if nothing else we are a team that nobody is going to want to play come playoff time."

"There is no one for two weeks now that has outplayed us. There haven't been any games that we haven't been in with a chance to win. For two weeks now we have had a chance to win every game we have played. Just like (Tuesday) night with Edwardsville, we ended up getting beaten 4-0, but it was closer than that. We had five hits and they had five hits. Devin pitched and they didn't get a hit after the second inning. Granted, that was the best high school team and we played them 6-5 and 4-0. That's not embarrassing."

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# Adam Sandler's 'Big Daddy' smashes box office records

Film is the biggest non-sequel comedy opening as well as the second largest grossing comedy opening in history

Adam Sandler is back on top again. The funnyman's "Big Daddy" debut knocked off both Austin Powers and Tarzan to lead the weekend box office with \$41.2 million in ticket sales, estimates showed. The animated version of "Tarzan" moved to No. 2 with \$32.5 million. "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," dropped to the No. 3 spot with \$18.5 million in sales, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

This past weekend could become one of the biggest non-holiday weekends ever, said Paul Dergarabedian, a film industry analyst with Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

The top 12 films were up about 1 percent over last weekend's banner showing. "There are a lot of big films out there and the audience is expanding," Dergarabedian said.

"We're seeing astronomical numbers. There are films out there for every type of audience, combined with very effective marketing campaigns means very big numbers for all the films."

This also means that staying No. 1 is difficult, he said. Each week, the top film is knocked off its perch but the No. 2 and No. 3 films were still doing well.

In "Big Daddy," Sandler plays a 32-year-old New York

City tollbooth worker who's forced to grow up when he suddenly must care for a 5-year-old orphan, played by identical twins Cole and Dylan Sprouse.

As a new father, Sandler combines his two film personas in the juvenile clown of the massive hit "The Waterboy," and the likable romantic of "The Wedding Singer."

"Big Daddy" was the second largest grossing comedy opening ever, just behind "Austin Powers," which opened with \$54 million two weeks ago, and was the biggest nonsequel comedy opening ever, Dergarabedian said.

"Tarzan," featuring the

voices of Minal Driver, Rosie O'Donnell and Tony Goldwyn, and songs by Phil Collins, dropped only 31 percent from its debut last weekend, said Chuck Viane, president of distribution of Buena Vista pictures.

"Austin Powers," the quirky comedy sequel with Mike Myers returning as both the international mystery man and Powers' bumbling nemesis Dr. Evil, has become the highest grossing film for New Line Cinema.

The film's three week total of \$150.8 million beat its former biggest hit "Rush Hour," which brought in \$144 million in 1998.

John Travolta's "The Gen-

eral's Daughter" was No. 4 with \$15.6 million, while "Star Wars: Episode 1, The Phantom Menace" remained strong, taking No. 5 with \$14.6 million and a six-week total of \$352.2 million.

Also at the box office, the Julia Roberts-Hugh Grant romance, "Notting Hill," dropped one place to No. 6 with \$5.1 million and "The Mummy" was in seventh place with \$2.1 million in ticket sales.

"Instinct" was in eighth with \$1.9 million. "An Ideal Husband" moved to ninth in its second week with \$1.1 million and "The Matrix" dropped to No. 10 with \$1 million.

Estimated grosses for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., were: 1. "Big Daddy," \$42.2 million. 2. "Tarzan," \$32.5 million. 3. "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," \$18.5 million. 4. "The General's Daughter," \$15.6 million. 5. "Star Wars: Episode 1, The Phantom Menace," \$14.6 million. 6. "Notting Hill," \$5.1 million. 7. "The Mummy," \$2.1 million. 8. "Instinct," \$1.9 million. 9. "An Ideal Husband," \$1.1 million. 10. "The Matrix," \$1 million.

-Associated Press

## Horoscope

Sunday, July 4

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:** This is not the year to give up

on your dreams, because although they might have been delayed, they are not denied. Two hopes you were

unable to fulfill last year might become realities this year.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Your greatest strength today is likely to come forth in situations that permit you to use the full scope of your imagination, giving you the ability to handle developments well.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if your logic dictates otherwise today, follow your intuitive perceptions, especially if you have any commercial dealings. Your instincts will be right on target.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Should you have to deal with someone who is difficult to figure out, attempt to reach this individual through his or her emotions instead of applying logic or pressure.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Left to your own devices today, you'll do an outstanding job even with arduous tasks, so it would be far better if you can do so out of the range of kibitzers or advisers.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There is ample room in this world for an optimistic romanticist, so if you find yourself in love with love today, go at it. Others will enjoy your charm.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If possible, avoid partaking in critical assignments today and enjoy a day of pleasure or rest. The break will refurbish you both in body and spirit.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A busy day might be in store for you communicating with tons of people with

whom you'll take much pleasure in talking with and catching up on all the latest news.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll have the time, so if you have the money or inclination to do so today, this could be a good day to go shopping. Your eye for spotting all the right items will be sharp.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let anyone put you in a position that could inhibit your flexibility and mobility today. The more independently you're able to operate, the more effective you're likely to be.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) To your credit, you could come to the assistance today of someone who is truly in need. In fact, you might put yourself out to the point of a personal sacrifice.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) The friendly ambience you project today will be readily perceived by everyone with whom you come in contact and all will view you as a cherished friend.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) That which you previously perceived as obstacles could simply turn out to be stepping stones today. What was difficult earlier in the week may now be a breeze to finish.

## Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, July 4. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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I-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708  
Tarzan (G) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00  
The General's Daughter (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30  
Wild Wild West (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30  
Big Daddy (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:30

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Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390  
The Mummy (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45  
Instinct (R) 2:30, 7:15  
Entrapment (PG-13) 2:15, 7:00  
Instinct (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30  
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Star Wars (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

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9425 Lewis & Clark, 822-4900  
Tarzan (G) 8:45  
Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) 10:30  
The General's Daughter (R) 8:45  
Wild Wild West (PG-13) 10:55

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The Mummy (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
Instinct (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30  
Summer of Sam (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:30  
The Matrix (R) 1:45, 4:45, 8:10  
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The Matrix (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

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**F**ashion tip No 1: Indoor-outdoor carpet is actually misnamed. It's really appropriate solely as an outdoor carpet.

• Fashion tip No. 2: Shag rugs went out with leisure suits.

Choose the highest  
quality you can  
afford

If you don't personally know your dealer, trust in the quality of the brand. Over the long run, the "big three" brands — Monsanto, DuPont and Allied — can be relied on for quality and durability.

Most, if not all, of the carpet outlets in the greater St. Louis area will carry stock from one or all of these labels.

This will be of less concern, however, if you're shopping for carpet for a guest bedroom or seldom-used front parlor. Similarly, carpet in the master bedroom isn't subject to heavy wear, since great portions of it are generally covered with heavy furniture.

Fiber length refers to the height of the material. If it's too short, it will wear more quickly. If too long, it will lay over, hiding dirt and losing its

Pick the color  
that's right  
for you.

One of the major changes to occur in the carpet inventory during the past 20 years has been the proliferation of colors. Where customers previously were given a choice from among four or five hues in a particular line, today it's not uncommon to see 40, 60 or even 80 colors available within each line.

This is a major burden for the carpet merchant, who must carry a substantial inventory, but a great benefit for the style-conscious consumer.

Pick the style  
and texture that  
best suits you.

When it comes to style, there is not a right or wrong answer. Your choice depends

Take time  
to compare

As with any major purchase, you will learn a lot by shopping around for the best value and price.

Comparison shopping can be difficult, however, because of the large variety of carpet grades on the market. It's important to make sure the prices you receive from different merchants really are for the same quality of material and level of service.

If you're purchasing wall-to-wall carpet, you'll probably want the store to perform the installation.

It's important in this case to make certain that each quote you receive from competing merchants includes installation.

## Wasting water this summer can end up leaving your bank account high and dry

Everyone wants a lush, green lawn, but beware of the hidden expense of water waste. If you follow a few simple steps for water conservation inside and outside your home, you'll end up with that great-looking yard without the big expense when the water bills come.

**Money down the drain**  
Every year, the average American family wastes around 32,000 gallons of water. That's the volume of a medium-sized swimming pool. Most of that waste occurs in the bathroom, sometimes because we leave the water running without thinking (do we really need to let it run the whole time while we're brushing our teeth?).

Other times, the water and money is draining away without us even knowing it.

The chief culprits are:

- running toilets
  - inefficient fixtures
  - leaking plumbing
  - excessive lawn watering
- Hosin' Around the Yard** It takes 660 gallons to water a typical 1,000 square-foot lawn with 1 inch of water, the same amount of water you use inside your house in a week. It's easy to cut this in half and save money by remembering these basics:

- **Use the right equipment.** While most sprinklers do a pretty good job, there is a difference in hose nozzles. When you're washing the car or spraying your garden, a pistol-type nozzle is best because you can adjust the flow rate or stop it completely to answer the phone or chat.

with a neighbor.

- **Maximize water usage.** If you have a smaller lawn and more plants, you should use irrigation hoses. These target smaller amounts of water right at the root level of your garden. Mulching around trees and shrubs also will maximize your water usage by reducing the amount of water lost through evaporation. Additionally, recycling rainwater from roof downspouts for watering your garden will help you cut back.

Go with the flow  
Indoors, you can start saving water immediately by tackling one of the biggest water-wasters first — your toilet. If your old one has had it, buy a new low-flow model. These toilets use about 1.5 gallons per flush, as opposed

Otherwise, try these methods for conserving water and saving money in the bathroom:

Install a toilet dam to reduce the holding capacity of your tank and use less water per flush. No need for a plumber or fancy contraption from the hardware store.

Just use an old 1/2-gallon plastic soda bottle. Fill it with water and drop it in the tank, but be sure to leave at least 3 gallons of water, or you might be plunging until next spring.

- Leaks and drips from your toilet add up. A running toilet can waste up to 100 gallons a day, and jiggling the handle only is a short-term fix. Get the right replacement parts (usually just a new flange) and do the job in less

than 10 minutes

- Some leaks from the tank to the bowl are slower and quieter. Here's a tip on how to check for slow leaks: Let the toilet sit for a couple drops of food coloring into the tank, then wait. If color appears in the bowl, you're sitting on a problem.
- Just like it's a good idea to inspect your car's belts and hoses, you occasionally should check all the plumbing connections.
- If you don't have plumbing tools, the pipe-jawed vice grips locking pliers let you get around all the various-sized pipes and couplings, and will make freezing frozen or rusted bolts easier.
- Be sure to check basins, sinks and all pipe connections.

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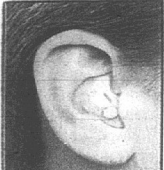
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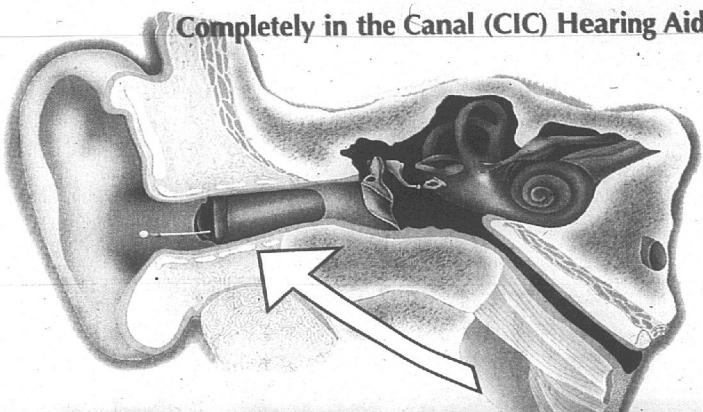
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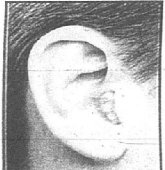
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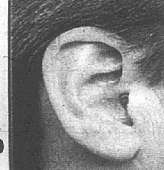
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## Ford F-150 gets more power from 5.4-liter V-8



By Tom Strongman

Pickup trucks are selling so fast you'd think half the country is in the home remodeling business. Roughly half of all vehicles sold are trucks, and last year Ford's F-Series racked up more than 836,000 sales, making it once again the best-selling vehicle in the country. Most trucks fall into the "personal use" category, where their beds haul little or nothing most of the time. With the

epitome of a "personal" vehicle. It was with these things in mind that I approached Ford's F-150 SuperCab as it came into our household for a weekly test drive. The two-wheel-drive test vehicle was typical of a truck sold for general city driving, including the soft tonneau cover over the bed (a \$200 option) to smooth up its looks. The standard engine for the F-150 is a 4.2-liter V-6, but there are two single-overhead-cam (SOHC) V-8s avail-

able: a 4.6-liter and a 5.4-liter. The 5.4 gives a substantial tweak in power and torque for 1999, and our test truck was so equipped. Horsepower is now 260 and torque an impressive 345 foot-pounds. These changes improve acceleration as well as trailer towing. Both V-8 engines are as smooth as those found in the Crown Victoria or Lincoln Town Car. Ditto for the shifting of the automatic transmission. The 5.4-liter engine made our test truck feel really frisky most of the time, and it was possible to squeal the tires with very little effort. This same willingness to leap away from stop signs resulted in a fair amount of skittishness in the rain, however. Come winter, it would be wise to load up the bed for better traction. It's too bad the same kind of traction control found on cars is not offered on two-wheel-drive trucks.

Probably will be one Four-wheel, anti-lock brakes are a \$300 option, but special package discounts on our test vehicle meant that anti-lock was essentially a no-cost item. The F-150's instrument panel is almost as curvaceous as the outside. Gauges are black with white numbers. At night, they glow light green and the needles are pink, which is easy on the eyes. Controls for the radio and climate control are grouped together in a pod that is angled slightly toward the driver. Two large cup holders pull out from the bottom of the dash, and a key-operated switch turns off the passenger-side air bag. The test truck also had a cloth-covered, split bench front seat with a large center arm rest. Hard-core truck types may think the F-150's rounded styling is too much like a car, but I like it. The soft curves, sloping windshield and rounded front bumper give a well-integrated look that I find appealing.

especially in the SuperCab version. And speaking of SuperCab, four doors now are standard so the back seat can be accessed from either side. This is an exceptionally useful feature, despite the fact that folks unfamiliar with the current state of the truck art might think four doors are excessive. In fact, while driving the test truck I got into quite a discussion with two people who thought the proliferation of truck doors was excessive. However, after even the short drive with a truck, being able to get things into and out of the back seat from either side is tremendously handy. The Ford's back seat is big enough for adults, although the leg room is a tad crowded. The 60/40 split-folding bottom cushion allows one or both sides to be folded forward, creating a hard, flat load floor for carrying luggage or groceries. I think a bicycle might even fit there in a pinch, which would keep it out of the weather and protect it from theft. The base price of the F-150 SuperCab is \$21,665. Options on the test vehicle consisted of the 5.4-liter V-8, automatic transmission, all-season tires, cab steps, sliding rear window, premium AM/FM/CD stereo, power driver's seat, anti-lock brakes, air conditioning, soft tonneau cover, two-tone paint and remote keyless entry. The sticker price was \$25,265. The warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

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## Ford to build low-emissions vehicles

Ford Motor Co. has announced plans to build low-emissions technology into hundreds of thousands of its new trucks, minivans and sport-utility vehicles for the 2000 model year. The lowered air pollution emissions of the new vehicles will create the same effect as removing 350,000 trucks from the road, the company says. Ford says the 800,000 F-Series full-size trucks and 360,000 Ranger compact pickup trucks it will build in 2000 will meet new U.S. "low emission

vehicle," or LEV, standards ahead of the government's imposition of the regulations. The LEV trucks will emit 15 percent to 50 percent fewer pollutants than form 1990, Ford says. Overall, the 2000 Ford truck fleet will emit about one-third fewer pollutants than this year's trucks without any impact on vehicle performance or increased sticker price. The company's Windstar minivan and sport-utility vehicles (Ford Explorer and Expedition, Lincoln Navigator

and Mercury Mountaineer) now meet the low-emission vehicle standards. Total production of the LEV vehicles for the next model year will be about 2 million. Reducing the emissions of pickup trucks was more challenging because of the wide range of uses facing trucks and the power demands placed upon them, Ford says. "Last year, when we announced our LEV sport-utility initiative, we said that when the technology allowed, we would pass the cost on to the consumer we could do it in volume, and we would proceed with environmental actions without regard to regulation or regulatory timeframes," said Jacques Nasser, president and chief executive officer of Ford. "We've publicly committed ourselves to a strategy of 'Cleaner, Safer, Smoother' because it is the right thing to do. There is a cost to the company for doing this, but we are finding other efficiencies so that no cost from this action is passed on to the consumer," Nasser said.

Many of the trucks Ford will build in the next model year will meet new emissions regulations the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed for imposition beginning with the 2004 model year. "Although our action is not prompted by recently proposed new regulation, you could say it is a good-faith deposit toward our mutual goal with EPA for cleaner air," Nasser said. This action is part of the difference between genuine leadership and mere compli-

ance when it comes to environmental responsibility," said William Clay Ford Jr., the new chairman of the company. "More and more, the marketplace will demand vehicles that are truly clean. I intend for Ford Motor Co. to set that standard, not just meet it. Making all of our pickups LEV is yet another step toward that goal, and it's consistent with our commitment to provide consumers the broad range of products they want in the most environmentally responsible way," Ford said.

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